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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

## GERMANS ANXIOUS TO GET HOLD OF PAPERS

**Important Dispatches In Packet From Which Letters Were Taken And Used To Blackmail Countess.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The German embassy has reason to believe that a number of highly confidential dispatches at present missing, were in the packet from which Karl Arngaard Graves extracted the letters which he is charged with having used in an alleged attempt to obtain \$3,000 from Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador.

The nature of the dispatches is unknown. The German government has been sent all available information regarding the packet's contents and investigation, it is said, will immediately be made in Berlin with a view of ascertaining what, if any, secret papers are missing, as well as the identity of the messenger from whom Graves secured the letters.

It was learned today that the packet, from which Graves obtained the letters addressed to Countess von Bernstorff, had been officially sealed by the German foreign office. The letters which have, so far, been seen by embassy officials, are dated early in September.

## MANN WILL BE NEXT SPEAKER OF HOUSE

**PRESENT MINORITY LEADER WILL STEP INTO PLACE NOW OCCUPIED BY CHAMP CLARK.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Members of the house of representatives in the newly elected Fifty-sixth congress face one of the most uncertain organizational situations in the history of the government.

With a few districts still in doubt, the Republicans appear to have a plurality of four or five members and a possible majority of two or three, when it is figured out that an independent elected in Massachusetts and a Progressive elected in Minnesota probably will vote with them for organization purposes. Independence of action has characterized a number of the re-elected members on the Republican side, however, and their attitude toward Democratic legislation in the last few years has given Democratic leaders cause for hope that some of them might carry their independence into the organization of the next house.

### No Extra Session Likely.

While there might be a few changes when the official returns are counted, the chances are that these would not materially alter the general result. In view of that, Democratic leaders regard it improbable that President Wilson will call an extra session of the new congress next Spring. Then the organization fight would not come until the regular session, December, 1917.

As matters stand, the candidate of the Republicans for speaker will be James R. Mann, the present minority leader, and Speaker Clark generally is regarded as the Democratic choice to succeed himself. Already, however, there are rumblings of uncertainty because of the close political division. On the Republican side, there are reports of disaffections against the minority leader. Consequently, there is gossip among some Republicans regarding the advisability of naming another man as candidate for speaker.

### Clark May Be Minority Leader.

There are certain to be some interesting and lively party conferences on both sides before any organization tickets are finally launched. As the Democrats apparently will be in the minority, some of the friends of Champ Clark are not certain that he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Unless he can be elected speaker, they prefer that he abandon that race and become a candidate for minority leader, the post he held for

**YOUTH WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED MAN AND WOMAN TO BE TRIED AT HILLSBORO, N. M.**

ALBUQUERQUE, Nov. 13.—J. A. Houchin, 20 years old, charged with murdering a man named Hamilton and Madame Swazee, fortune teller, near Palomas, Sierra county, a year ago, will go to trial tomorrow at Hillsboro. It was not known here whether he would be tried first on the charge of murdering the man or that based on the killing of the woman, or both at the same time.

Houchin has been held in the State penitentiary at Santa Fe for safekeeping. Deputy Sheriff H. A. Barry, of Sierra county, passed through Albuquerque last night, taking the young man to Hillsboro. Thomas N. Hogan left with Deputy Sheriff Barry as special guard.

The young man was arrested at Beaumont, Texas, some time after the finding of the dead bodies of Hamilton and Madame Swazee. He admits killing Hamilton, said Deputy Sheriff Barry, saying that he shot him as he slept. He said he did not know anything about the death of the woman, it was said. According to Barry, between \$5,000 and \$6,000, which Hamilton was believed to have, was missing.

## "STARCH TRUST" IS ORDERED DISSOLVED

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—The "starch trust," representing \$80,000,000 capital, was adjudged guilty of "unfair methods of competition" and a violation of the Sherman act. It was ordered dissolved.

### OSTEND BOMBARDED

LONDON, Nov. 13.—A squadron of British naval aeroplanes yesterday dropped a large number of bombs on German naval works in the harbor of Ostend and on war vessels there. Many years before the Democratic ascendancy in 1912. Such a development might precipitate a lively contest with Claude Kitchin, the present majority leader.

## BORDER TROOPS SUBJECT TO CRITICISM

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CLERGYMEN SAY GUARDSMEN SHOULD ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY.**

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Conditions among American troops on the Mexican border was subject to criticism in a meeting of clergymen which preceded the opening of the board of missions of the Methodist-Episcopal church. Dr. S. P. Carman, of Brooklyn, who went to the border as chaplain for the Twenty-third New York company, said: "The conditions are such now that one of gentlemanly calling is unwilling to take the chaplain's position. There should be a higher standard of chaplains in the army. The weekly attendance by soldiers should be a matter of discipline in the army regulations."

### WEATHER FORECAST

For Arizona: Fair; continued cold.

## Will Release Two Men Held as Spies

By Associated Press.  
EL PASO, Nov. 13.—Carranza officials announced that Benjamin Brachan, a Pershing scout, and Joseph Williams, an American Mormon, held in the Juarez jail, will be released immediately unless additional evidence is produced against them.

## Canadian Minister Of Defense Resigns

By Associated Press.  
OTTAWA, Nov. 13.—General Sir Sam Hughes, Canadian minister of militia defense, has resigned. It is reported, a break between Hughes, Premier Borden and other members of the Canadian government, resulted from differences over questions of policy and details of administration.

## Deutschland Ready For Return Voyage

By Associated Press.  
NEW LONDON, Nov. 13.—Taking on additional fuel oil and partial provisioning the craft indicated an early departure by the Deutschland for Bremen. It is believed it will make a dash to sea after dusk, without a pilot.

### GREECE ASSURED

ATHENS, Nov. 13.—Vice-Admiral du Fourmet, commander of the Anglo-French naval forces, gave assurances today that the French had come to Greece not as conquerors, but as friends, and stated that he was ready to convoy with units of the Allied light squadron, Greek ships bound for Saloniki. He did not explain, however, whether the warships to be used for this purpose would include those taken from Greece.

### DOUBLE TRAGEDY

DUDLEY, Mass., Nov. 13.—Frank M. Deon, town counsel and the collector of Dudley, shot and killed his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Deon and his son, Robert Deon, and then attempted suicide today. Physicians said he could not live. Young Deon, before his death, told police officers his father had been drinking.

## Murguia to Take Place of Trevino

By Associated Press.  
EL PASO, Nov. 13.—General Francisco Murguia will succeed General Trevino as commander of the north-eastern military zone as soon as he reaches Chihuahua City from the south with his re-organized command. It is understood Trevino will be asked to be relieved for personal reasons.

## COLD WAVE IS SWEEPING OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

**Even Reaches Into Interior of Texas**

**NEW LOW RECORDS FOR NOVEMBER ARE REPORTED FROM COLORADO, SOUTH DAKOTA AND WYOMING; 20 BELOW AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—A cold wave, with temperatures at various places lower than ever before recorded in November, overspreads the region west of the Mississippi river today and will move eastward to the Atlantic coast.

Sheridan, Wyo., reported the lowest temperature, with 26 degrees below zero. Lander, Wyo., reported 24 degrees below zero, and Cheyenne, Wyo., Yellowstone National Park and Havre, Mont., 20 degrees below zero. The intense cold reaches southward into the interior of Texas.

Weather bureau officials today said the cold wave perhaps would diminish in intensity as it moved eastward. **Worst In Years.**

DENVER, Nov. 13.—The first cold wave of the season brought new records for cold weather in November in the Rocky Mountain region today.

New low records for November were reported by the weather bureau from three points—Cheyenne, Wyo., Rapid City, S. D., and Grand Junction, Colo.

In Denver it was 2 degrees below, Roswell, N. M., reported 20 degrees above zero.

### BOTH CLAIM VICTORY

PHOENIX, Nov. 13.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the governorship was still in doubt and hinging on delayed returns from Sedonia and other far northern precincts removed from direct communication. Campbell apparently maintained the lead established Saturday night of 175 votes, but both sides maintain that a complete count will show a plurality for the respective candidates.

### SILVER

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Silver 71 1/2 cents.

## RICHARDS LAW APPARENTLY ADOPTED

**RETURNS INDICATE THAT BILL DIVIDING PARTIES INTO 2 FACTIONS HAS PASSED.**

By Associated Press.  
SIOUX FALLS, Nov. 13.—Returns indicate the adoption of the so-called Richards primary law which divides parties into "majority" and "minority" factions, requiring each to offer a complete set of candidates in the biennial primaries. Presidential and gubernatorial candidates must challenge one another in joint debate and failure to accept will automatically strike the name of the delinquent from the ballot. It is the third time the law has been approved by direct vote. It was repealed by the legislature in 1915 when the United States Supreme court upheld the act.

## MAY WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM MEXICO

**JOINT COMMISSION TO REACH AGREEMENT BEFORE END OF WEEK IS INTIMATED.**

By Associated Press.  
ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 13.—It is intimated that an agreement providing for the withdrawal of the punitive expedition might be reached before the close of the week, following a conference of the commission today. Cabrera said he believed a settlement would be reached within a few days and should a withdrawal agreement be formed, it probably will not stipulate that the Americans come out immediately, but be recalled within perhaps 60 or 90 days. The Americans do not doubt Carranza is sincere in his efforts to drive Villa from his field, but have been keenly interested in the apparent inability of the present Northern Mexican army to accomplish its object.

## Says Conscript Will Be Used by Germany

By Associated Press.  
AMSTERDAM, Nov. 13.—A telegram quotes the German newspapers as saying an extraordinary sitting of the reichstag will be convoked, supposedly to pass a bill calling all fit civilians into "service in the interest of the Fatherland."

## Carranza Troops On Trail of Villa

By Associated Press.  
EL PASO, Nov. 13.—Andres Garcia inspector general of Carranza consulates in the United States, declared the present movement of Carranza forces on Chihuahua City had no other significance than the determination of Carranza to pursue and subdue the bandits.

## California Starts Official Recount

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—The official recount of votes in Tuesday's election in California began today. No reports have reached political headquarters here which tend to alter the general result of the unofficial canvass.

### SUBMARINE SIGHTED

WAKEFIELD, R. I., Nov. 13.—The coast guard station at Greenhill reported to Superintendent H. N. Knowles of this coast guard district having sighted a submarine which signalled its identity as the U-40 in Block Island sound today. The submarine was proceeding east. Greenhill is near Westerly.

### DIVIDEND DOUBLED

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Directors of the Utah Consolidated Copper Co. today declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share, doubling the previous rate.

### REHEARING GRANTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Rehearing was ordered today by the Supreme court of cases testing the constitutionality of the Washington, New York, New Jersey and Iowa workmen's compensation laws. No date was set for the rehearing.

## Grazing Rates To Be Soon Increased

By Associated Press.  
DENVER, Nov. 13.—Smith Riley, district forester, announced after consulting with officials of the American National Livestock and National Wool Growers' associations, that the government is considering the increasing of rates for livestock grazing upon the national forest.

## NATION-WIDE STRIKE MAY NOT BE AVERTED

**Railroad And Brotherhoods Fail To Agree On Mileage System Of Compensation In Adamson Act.**

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Danger of a nation-wide railroad strike, which it was believed, had been averted by the passage of the Adamson act, has not entirely disappeared, it was disclosed today when representatives of the railroads and brotherhoods failed to reach an agreement regarding the application of the new law after an all-day conference.

The mileage system of compensation proved the stumbling block. Elisha Lee, chairman of the railroad managers' end of the conference, said: "It is not certain that another meeting will take place." William G. Lee, spokesman for the employees, declared that summary action will be taken in event of an evasion of the Adamson act by the railroads. He said the strike order, which was directly responsible for the law, is still in effect and the brotherhoods will not hesitate to enforce it if the occasion warranted.

## WILSON PLUNGES INTO WORK AT WHITE HOUSE

**PRESIDENT NOT WORRYING OVER ELECTORAL VOTES BUT GETS BUSY ON FOREIGN ISSUES.**

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—President Wilson, back in the White House for the first time in two months, today, plunged into work. Taking it for granted he has been re-elected, he asked no questions about electoral votes, but displayed anxiety over the political complexion of the next house of representatives. He got in touch with pressing foreign problems, including submarine, Mexican and British blockade issues.

State department officials make no secret of their belief that dangerous possibilities presented by the recent development of both Mexican and submarine issues are expected soon at the American-Mexican conference in Atlantic City. It is stated definitely by officials in the president's confidence that his re-election will mean no radical change in policies, although as soon as the war is over, Wilson will recommend a revision of the tariff if he feels justified by facts to be gathered by the tariff commission. It is reported the president contemplates no change in his cabinet but it is said those expected to resign at once are General Gregory and Secretaries Redfield, Baker, Daniels and McAdoo.

**BRAZIL BROACHES PLAN BY WHICH NATIONS AT PEACE WILL HAVE THEIR RIGHTS RESPECTED.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Full details of the recent proposal to the Brazilian parliament by the Brazilian Society of International Law, for the formation of a league of neutrals to resist trade restrictions and other encroachments by belligerents, were made public today through the Official Gazette of the Brazilian parliament. The proposed league would consist of all present neutrals and would spring automatically into effect whenever another war broke out.

The society urges the government to take immediate steps to secure the co-operation of all neutrals for the declaration of a uniform series of neutral rights and for their enforcement. The rights suggested are the immunity of enemy goods under a neutral flag, complete liberty of trade between neutral nations, regardless of ultimate destination, freedom from any extra territorial actions such as blacklisting and the forbidding of any alien to inform a foreign government of matters which might lead to belligerent restrictions.

**How It Would Be Met.**  
Violations of these rights would be met under the plan, first by the withdrawal by the neutral league of the privilege of friendly treatment for the offending nation, including the trade rights. In case a consular or diplomatic official should be concerned, his credentials would be handed him at once. If this proved unavailing, hostilities might follow.

The report, while directed at all belligerents, is more concerned with British trade violations. The efforts of the United States are recognized, but are declared ineffective. The allied blockade is particularly criticized. A case is cited in which a Brazilian vessel from the United States to Brazil is alleged to have been seized, taken into Martique and forced to surrender some of its merchandise bound to Brazil.

**Brazil Is Hard Hit.**  
The Brazilian report created great interest in official circles. South American nations have been hard hit by British trade restrictions and some time ago an official announcement was made in Chile, that the Chilean ambassador to the United States, Brazil and Argentina, had been requested to seek joint action on the British blacklist. The State department, however, says that as yet neither the Chilean nor the Brazilian proposal has been definitely submitted.

## PHOENIX DRIVER WINS THE 273 MILE RACE

By Associated Press.  
PHOENIX, Nov. 13.—E. L. Cord, of Phoenix, won the 273-mile Douglas to Phoenix automobile race. The unofficial time was 8 hours and 13 minutes. Fourteen started but only five finished. Hugh Miller, of Phoenix, finished first but started ahead of Cord. Miller's time was slower than the first three.

Bert Hines, of Douglas, was second; Peter Thomason, of Phoenix, third; Hugh Miller, fourth, and R. L. Browner, of Globe, fifth.

### COPPER

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Electrolytic, first quarter, \$30 and \$32; second quarter, \$29 and \$30.